



BIOGRAPHY

Merella Fernandez, Correspondent, CTV News Channel

Merella Fernandez joined CTV News Channel in 2011 as Correspondent. The move was a homecoming for Merella Fernandez, who launched her career with an internship at CTV, and later in her first formal role as an Editorial Assistant with CTV National News and Canada AM.

Throughout her career, Fernandez has covered a wide range of breaking news and major events including reporting on the 2012 visit of Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall to Canada; the SARS outbreak; Karla Homolka's release from prison; Canada's first-ever same sex marriage in 2005; and Pope John Paul II's visit to Toronto in the summer of 2002. In 2007, Fernandez anchored a weekend broadcast that garnered a Radio-Television News Directors Association Award (RTDNA) for Best Newscast.

Prior to returning to CTV, Fernandez was an anchor and reporter for Toronto's CityNews (10 years), and a Writer, Reporter and Anchor for CP24 (five years). Fernandez earned a Bachelor of Journalism from Carleton University, intending to pursue a career in print journalism. Following her internship with CTV National News, Fernandez was so inspired by observing her peers in the newsroom who work hard to keep Canadians informed and to get the story right, she changed tracks to broadcasting and has never looked back.

Born in Karachi, Pakistan, Fernandez and her family immigrated to Canada when she was 1-year-old. In her spare time, she serves as a mentor for immigrants who want to work in Canadian media, tutors inner city youth and hosts a show in Toronto, honouring the accomplishments of new Canadians.